

MAY FIGHT WARE ON QUESTION OF CREED

Story Goes That Evans's Successor Stands Without the Pale in Matters Religious.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, April 12.—There is strong likelihood that the confirmation of Eugene F. Ware's nomination for the pension commissionership will be opposed on religious grounds, because he has the reputation of standing outside of the conventional pale in such matters.

How far this assumption is founded upon any distinct utterances of his and how much upon inferences from his so-called literary work, is not known here.

The story goes that Mr. Ware was a candidate for the congressional nomination in the Second Kansas District against B. H. Funston, father of the military scoutmaster, and had almost delegates enough to the District Convention to carry him through, but was defeated by the opposition of a delegation that happened to hold the balance of power. When McDermott was questioned as to the reasons for his objection to Ware, he is said to have pointed to a stanza in one of his poems, in which he said:

"For I do not believe a thing of the story that is told of the miracles of God, which might have saved him, had he been nominated he would doubtless have been elected, and this would have paved the way to the Senate, for which many of his friends had marked him."

If Funston had been defeated, moreover, he probably would never have met with Mr. McKinley in the House, and his son might have escaped preferment in the army.

SAFETY IN BIG VAULTS.

Treasures in Missouri Safe Deposit Company Strongly Guarded.

Vice President E. A. Smith of the Missouri Safe Deposit Company says that the most common question asked him by depositors is what degree of safety there is in the great steel and iron, brick and cement vaults in which are stored a large part of the treasures of the community.

And we simply answer, says Mr. Smith, "In the first place, our main vault is 300 feet in size, made of chrome nickel, chilled iron and steel, and is 10 feet thick, and contains about ten thousand strong boxes. This is on the street floor. Underneath there are ten vaults for the storing of plate, and each of them measures 10 feet by 10 feet, and all together, there are five larger safe depositories in the country, and we know that it cannot be broken for good protection."

The vaults, as he explained, are built so that burglars could not tunnel under them, and they are honeycombed with electric alarm wires in direct connection with the Chestnut Street Police Station. Watchmen are constantly making the rounds on all sides of the big depository, which is set in the building in a manner to permit inspection at all points.

A novel feature of the Missouri company's vaults is the system of alarm bells. From the boilers are connected with the alarm signals, and the slightest tampering with the safe will let out a flood of scalding-hot steam, sufficient to cause nocturnal intruders until the police arrive, provided that in the first place they had passed the corps of watchmen. The vaults cannot be opened by any one man. Two officers of the company must be present, one working one part of the combination while the other completes it.

Even during the day, while the time lock is not upon the door, strict safeguards are maintained. An attendant, a half an hour of age, for instance, or violence offered immediately may be readily signalled from any one of hundreds of buttons, which are arranged in the vaults, and such signals cause the outer doors to close automatically.

BEEF HAS AGAIN ADVANCED.

Price Went Up in New York to Ten and One-Half Cents.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. New York, April 12.—The price of beef advanced again to-day from 22 cents to 24½ cents a pound, and the retail and wholesale dealers in this city predict that before the middle of next week there will be another advance. The trade has taken off recently with the smaller dealers.

ALEXANDER STEPHENS'S LOVE.

Sweetheart of a Confederate Chief-tain Is Dead.

Special Correspondence of The Sunday Republic. Atlanta, Ga., April 12.—The death of Miss Carrie Wilkerson recalls to the mind of those who knew her that she was the life-long sweetheart of Alexander Stephens, Miss Wilkerson and Mr. Stephens lived in adjoining counties in their early youth, and an attachment sprang up between them when they were quite young, which grew as the years passed by. Neither married. When Mr. Stephens died Miss Wilkerson, then a white-haired old woman, was 80 years of age, and she remained in her room in a critical condition.

Miss Wilkerson, when a girl was the belle of the neighborhood. Stephens was a young lawyer, several years his junior, and they were together in their youth and became sweethearts. Stephens became absorbed in his profession, and Miss Wilkerson remained at home. They never forgot each other, however, and at intervals Mr. Stephens found opportunity to see her.

They were engaged, but their marriage was postponed from time to time, until Mr. Stephens's health became so bad, that he was unable to marry. He died, and she realized that marriage would never be possible for them.

Another Dividend Payer. Mr. Bruce B. Oyer, president of the Laclede Investment Co., with offices in the Holland building, has just returned from Beaumont and reports the oil business to be the principal topic of interest in Texas.

While in Beaumont, Mr. Oyer looked over the property and prospects of the Beaumont Oil and Fuel Company very carefully and says he found it to be in exceedingly good condition; that the company have a million barrels and also have connections completed and are now operating on a quarter of a million barrel contract, which has enabled them to secure a 75-cent dividend forty days after the contract was closed.

Mr. Oyer says that he closed another contract for 1,000,000 barrels of oil, and have announced a second dividend to be paid in May.

The wonderful success achieved by the Beaumont Oil and Fuel Company during the last few months has attracted mainly what judicious management will accomplish. Mr. Joe S. Goodfellow of the Goodfellow Oil Company of St. Louis is president of the company. Mr. Martin Wells, vice president and manager, Beaumont; Mr. Ben J. Frazer of Ben J. Frazer & Son, a wholesale millinery, St. Louis, secretary and treasurer. The St. Louis directors are: P. E. Wilson, treasurer; Knapp-Strombinger company, St. Louis; Philip A. Wilson, vice president; Goodfellow Oil Company, St. Louis; and W. H. Hartman of Rice & Co. of St. Louis.

These gentlemen have at all times looked after the interests of the company and the Beaumont Oil and Fuel Company is an important factor in the wonderful oil field at Beaumont.

Declamatory Contest at Salem, Ill. (Salem, Ill., April 12.—The first annual "T. S. Marshall" declamatory contest was held at the school hall in this city, last night. Nine young high school students were contestants. The first prize was won by John Kaiser and the second by Gusle Dierbach. This entitles Kaiser to enter the State contest at Charleston, in June.

County Committee Meeting. (Salem, Ill., April 12.—The Republican County Committee met last evening and changed the date of the primary to September 2, 1902, and the date of the election to May 5. An effort was made to hold a snap primary in this month.

Earlier Departure. Commencing April 13, the Illinois Central, Chicago, Elgin and New Orleans Fast Mail will leave St. Louis Union Station at 9:20 a. m. and 9:12 a. m., respectively.



Editorial.

This is a good time to watch Barr's! The Barr cash is lying in wait to catch all really desirable bargain lots. Choice lines of Samples are ready about this time, and because they have served their purpose of securing orders are sold at less than they cost the manufacturer. The Barr cash is quickly exchanged for them and our public given the benefit of the price concession.

Overproduction in some lines makes the manufacturer a little anxious to realize, and the more anxious he is the lower the price he makes for the Barr cash. So it is best to watch Barr's; not a week—hardly a day—passes that some of these choice little lots do not come Barr-ward, while our magnificent lines of regular priced goods are very full and are daily receiving new and novel accessions.

Washable Dress Goods.

"Tub Gowns" some people inelegantly call them—undoubtedly the fine cotton goods are to be exceedingly popular this season. Cotton seems to have changed its sex and become "Queen" of dress textiles. Barr's have recognized this popularity and though always carrying large stocks, have greatly increased the amount, now sufficient to meet all demands, in all desirable grades and bought before the advance in cotton prices.

1,500 Pieces Merrimack China and Indigo Blue Calicoes, the new cotton in which is worth more than our price, 50¢ per yard.

300 Pieces A F C Gingham; choice range of new patterns just in; they go at 30¢ a yard.

1,000 Pieces Elegant quality new Zephyr Gingham, in a handsome range of dress styles, 12½¢ per yard.

50 Pieces 22-inch Embroidered Chambray, 22 inches wide, white on blue, pink and lavender; 10¢ per yard.

1,000 Pieces Imported Scotch Shirtings, only 20 yards of any one style; highly exclusive and very choice; 50¢ per yard.

40 Pieces Butcher Linen and Linen Oxford, in all the new shades for tub suits; 60¢ per yard.

500 Pieces Fine Imported Scotch Gingham for wash shirt waist suits, all new patterns; 10¢ per yard.

1,000 Pieces Finest American Lawns and Dimities, Batiste and Swiss Muslin; the entire lot at 10¢ per yard.

400 Pieces Finest quality Irish Dimities and Linen Lawns, just landed. This is the third and best lot this year. Dimities, 25¢ per yard. Linen Lawns, 35¢ per yard.

Embroideries.

Special sale of manufacturers' sample strips of 4 yard skirt lengths in Cambric and Swiss.

5 to 10 inch wide Cambric Skirtings; 60¢ value for 50¢ per yard.

12 to 14 inch wide Cambric Skirtings; 50¢ value for 40¢ per yard.

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Cloak and Suit Dept.

Better values are not to be had in St. Louis. Swell up-to-date Tailor Suits made to our special order during the last 10 days of materials worth \$2.00 to \$3.00 per yard. The very newest ideas that our best New York suit manufacturers could design in Eton, Blouse and Gibson Suits—tailored and finished as perfectly as any custom tailor could produce, no matter how high his price. Beautifully shaped busts and broad-shouldered effects; Misses' sizes, 14 and 16 years. Ladies' sizes, from 32 to 44 bust measure. We illustrate below 4 of the best models with silk drop skirts:



Like illustration—new Gibson suit, Eton effect, made of blue and gray homespun and black chevrot, richly trimmed and tailored—Eton is silk lined and skirt has silk drop—real value is \$25—special sale price is \$19.75

Like illustration—new Eton suit made of black and castor broadcloth and gray homespun—richly trimmed with braid to match; coat is silk lined, skirt is made in the very latest serpentine style with silk drop skirt—a regular \$35.00 suit for \$25.00

Tailor Suits at \$10.50, \$11.50, \$13.50, \$15, \$15.75 and \$18.75

Also innumerable styles of new Eton blouse and Gibson suits—made with unlined skirts—materials are chevrot, Venetians, homespun, cranes and hair stripes, in all colors, red, black, navy, castor, royal tan oxford, medium gray, tan, oxford and light gray—both plain and trimmed, flare flounce and serpentine skirts, lined and unlined—costs are all silk or satin lined—prices \$15.75, \$15.75, \$15.00, \$13.50, \$11.50 and \$10.50

Muslin Underwear Section, 2d floor, north end. Specials in Shirt Waists

\$1.48 each—Ladies' Shirt Waists, made of fine white India Linen, front of all-over tucks, back tuck, new sleeve and stock collar.

\$1.48 each—Ladies' Shirt Waists, good quality of black batiste for "mourning wear"—tucked front and back, tucked collar, excellent value.

\$1.25—Ladies' Shirt Waists, "Gibson" style, made of fancy stripe madras, new cuff and stock collar with white tie, an assortment of pretty colors.

\$1.75—Ladies' Shirt Waists, "Gibson" style, made of satin stripe Oxford, entirely new.

\$1.98 each—Ladies' Shirt Waists, "Gibson" style, made of Imported White Pique, excellent values.

Petticoats.

Two Leaders for Monday's Sale.

\$1.00—Women's Petticoats, black merized satin, umbrella shape, deep flounce trimmed with six small ruffles, actual value \$1.75.

\$1.75—Women's Petticoats, made of striped Percale, "McGee" patent yoke, umbrella shape, deep flounce trimmed with three ruffles; colors, tan, blue or pink—entirely new.

A Sample Line of Men's Underwear

Purchased by Barr's from Mauchauffee, Troyes, France, the largest manufacturer of high-grade underwear in the world, and their samples were, as the word implies, illustrative of their best and most perfect work. Having served their purpose—to secure orders, they were sold to Barr's at a price which enables us to sell them at less than their original cost to manufacturer. Included are French Balbriggan, Lisle and Sea Island Cotton Undershirts and Drawers, the regular retail values of which are \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50—

Your Choice at \$1.00 Each Garment.

Immense Purchase of Wash Laces

at about one-third their regular value.

12,000 yards white, cream and ecru Fancy Wash Lace Gallions, 1½ to 3 inches wide, actual value 15¢; price 5¢ yard.

15,000 yards white, cream and ecru Fancy Wash Lace Gallions, 2 to 4 inches wide, 25¢ value, at 10¢ yard.

15,000 yards Pt. Paris and Plat Val. Laces, 3½ to 6 inches wide, 25¢ and 30¢ values, at 12¢ yard.

18,000 yards Pt. Paris and Plat Val. Laces, 3½ to 7 inches wide, 25¢ values, at 18¢ yard.

20,000 yards Pt. Paris and Plat Val. Insertions to match, 1½ and 2 inches wide, 15¢ values, at 7¢ yard.

15,000 yards Pt. Paris and Plat Val. Insertions to match, 1½ to 3 inches wide, 20¢ values, at 10¢ yard.

8,000 yards Black Silk Chantilly Bands and Gallions, 2 to 4 inches wide, 25¢ values, at 10¢ yard.

Another Extraordinary Underpricing at Dress Goods Section.

The Barr cash is working overtime just now securing concessions on popular dress fabrics. This line we have closed out from a prominent local jobber: 167 pieces of 28 in. Satin Striped Challies, all this season's styles and very choice; cream grounds; we are going to sell them at what we considered a great bargain price for Challie without the satin stripes, on our bargain table Monday—At 25 Cents a Yard.

New Parasols.

Parasol silks are prettier than ever this season. We have completed our line in this department and are showing many novelties in both Ladies' and Children's Parasols. The variety is too large to describe many exclusive styles that cannot be duplicated. Special attention is called to the Exceptional Values we are showing in the \$3.00 and \$5.00 assortments.

BARR'S BASEMENT—A SHOPPERS' PARADISE.

We are showing the most complete line of fancy decorated Lamps and Globes.

Handsome Parlor Lamps, neatly decorated, complete with 9-inch globe, lift out fount, like cut, \$2.10.

Handsome Decorated Lamp Globes in assorted sizes, 8-inch \$1.50 10-inch \$2.00 12-inch \$2.50 14-inch \$3.00 16-inch \$3.50 18-inch \$4.00 20-inch \$4.50 22-inch \$5.00 24-inch \$5.50 26-inch \$6.00 28-inch \$6.50 30-inch \$7.00 32-inch \$7.50 34-inch \$8.00 36-inch \$8.50 38-inch \$9.00 40-inch \$9.50 42-inch \$10.00 44-inch \$10.50 46-inch \$11.00 48-inch \$11.50 50-inch \$12.00 52-inch \$12.50 54-inch \$13.00 56-inch \$13.50 58-inch \$14.00 60-inch \$14.50 62-inch \$15.00 64-inch \$15.50 66-inch \$16.00 68-inch \$16.50 70-inch \$17.00 72-inch \$17.50 74-inch \$18.00 76-inch \$18.50 78-inch \$19.00 80-inch \$19.50 82-inch \$20.00 84-inch \$20.50 86-inch \$21.00 88-inch \$21.50 90-inch \$22.00 92-inch \$22.50 94-inch \$23.00 96-inch \$23.50 98-inch \$24.00 100-inch \$24.50

Special Reductions on all our Fancy Decorated TOILET SETS.

Neatly printed Toilet sets, in pink or green flowers, consisting of 10 pieces, worth \$3.25—Sale Price, \$2.25.

English Porcelain Toilet Set, neatly decorated in pink, consisting of 12 large pieces—worth \$2.50—Sale Price, \$1.50.

American Porcelain Toilet Set, in violet decorations—stippled gold handles, edges worth \$2.50—Sale Price (including jar), \$1.50.

12 sets Limoges China Dinner Sets—beautiful decorations of blue and white flowers, with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 large pieces—worth \$2.50—Sale Price, \$1.50.

12 sets Carlsbad China Dinner Sets—variety of new and beautiful decorations, with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 pieces—worth \$2.50—Our Price, \$1.50.

Theo. Haviland China Dinner Set—beautiful pink and white decorations with wide rose decorations with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 pieces—worth \$3.00—Our Price, \$2.25.

French Porcelain Dinner Set—new and beautiful decorations—stippled gold handles—consisting of 101 pieces—worth \$2.00—Sale Price, \$1.45.

Japanese Tea Pots, neatly decorated and plain, 19¢.

American Porcelain Toilet Set, with neat floral decorations and gold tracing on scroll—complete 12-piece set—worth \$3.00—Our Price, \$2.50.

Big bargains in fancy Decorated Dinner Sets at prices that cannot be matched anywhere.

One crate English semiporcelain Dinner Sets—neatly decorated in pink, green or blue—consisting of 100 large and useful pieces—worth \$10.50—Sale Price, \$7.98.

One crate select English Porcelain, with beautiful border decorations—set consisting of 12 pieces—worth \$14.50—Sale Price, \$9.98.

25 sets best English semiporcelain—new and beautiful border decorations, with gold edges—consisting of 112 large pieces—worth \$18.50—Sale Price, \$11.98.

25 sets high-grade English Porcelain Dinner Sets—neatly decorated, with floral border—consisting of 112 large and useful pieces—worth \$18.50—Sale Price, \$11.98.

15 sets Royal Austrian China Dinner Sets—beautiful rose decorations with gold-traced handles—consisting of 101 pieces—worth \$2.50—Sale Price, \$1.45.

12 sets Limoges China Dinner Sets—beautiful decorations of blue and white flowers, with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 large pieces—worth \$2.50—Sale Price, \$1.50.

12 sets Carlsbad China Dinner Sets—variety of new and beautiful decorations, with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 pieces—worth \$2.50—Our Price, \$1.50.

Theo. Haviland China Dinner Set—beautiful pink and white decorations with wide rose decorations with stippled gold handles—consisting of 100 pieces—worth \$3.00—Our Price, \$2.25.

French Porcelain Dinner Set—new and beautiful decorations—stippled gold handles—consisting of 101 pieces—worth \$2.00—Sale Price, \$1.45.

Japanese Tea Pots, neatly decorated and plain, 19¢.

Barr's Cut Glass Department. See the new and beautiful rich patterns we are showing and prices the lowest. Just the things for wedding presents.

Rich Cut Glass Berry Bowl, Pekin pattern, 8-inch, 3 styles to select from, at \$4.50.

Rich American Cut Glass Water Bottle, regular \$2.00, to select from, your choice of any, 75¢.

Handsome rich Cut Glass Flower Vase, 12-inch, 3 styles to select from, at \$12.25.

Wine Decanters, Tankards, Ice Tubs, Fruit Bows, Colory Trays, Nappies, Sugar and Creams, etc. This is a sample line of which we only have one or two of a kind, which we have marked at less than factory prices.

Barr's China Department. See the immense line of Jardinières and Pedestals we are showing.

Fancy Decorated Umbrella Stands, blue decorations, \$1.18.

Hardwood Coat and Hat Racks, with 7 wooden pins, like cut, 49¢.

Japanese Tea Pots, neatly decorated and plain, 19¢.

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English Leads Jardinières, in assorted blends, 8-in. size, \$3.00 10-in. size, \$3.50 12-in. size, \$4.00 14-in. size, \$4.50 16-in. size, \$5.00 18-in. size, \$5.50 20-in. size, \$6.00 22-in. size, \$6.50 24-in. size, \$7.00 26-in. size, \$7.50 28-in. size, \$8.00 30-in. size, \$8.50 32-in. size, \$9.00 34-in. size, \$9.50 36-in. size, \$10.00 38-in. size, \$10.50 40-in. size, \$11.00 42-in. size, \$11.50 44-in. size, \$12.00 46-in. size, \$12.50 48-in. size, \$13.00 50-in. size, \$13.50 52-in. size, \$14.00 54-in. size, \$14.50 56-in. size, \$15.00 58-in. size, \$15.50 60-in. size, \$16.00 62-in. size, \$16.50 64-in. size, \$17.00 66-in. size, \$17.50 68-in. size, \$18.00 70-in. size, \$18.50 72-in. size, \$19.00 74-in. size, \$19.50 76-in. size, \$20.00 78-in. size, \$20.50 80-in. size, \$21.00 82-in. size, \$21.50 84-in. size, \$22.00 86-in. size, \$22.50 88-in. size, \$23.00 90-in. size, \$23.50 92-in. size, \$24.00 94-in. size, \$24.50 96-in. size, \$25.00 98-in. size, \$25.50 100-in. size, \$26.00

The most complete Housefurnishing Department in the city and prices the lowest.

Fancy Imported Tea and Coffee Canister, neatly japanned, one-pound size, like cut, 12¢.

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